

Press Release

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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION

UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 493 million pounds during July, up 11 percent from last year's production of 446 million pounds. June 2004 production totaled 502 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during July averaged 320,000 head, unchanged from last year and from June 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,540 pounds during July, up 10 percent from last year but 2 percent below June 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from production in these same states in July 2003. June revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was down slightly from June 2003.

Production per cow during July averaged 1,613 pounds, 16 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.75 million head, 27,000 head less than last year but 17,000 head more than June 2004.